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# **BROWNBACK DISAPPOINTED AT PRESIDENT'S VETO OF TAXPAYER RELIEF**

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback today responded to the president's veto of the Taxpayer Refund and Relief Act of 1999.

"I'm really disappointed that the president chose to veto this tax cut," Brownback said. "It included marriage penalty relief which is a tax cut for the 21 million American couples that pay a penalty for being married. This marriage penalty averages about \$1400 per couple.

"Also in this tax relief package were cuts in capital gains tax rates and in estate taxes that would have really helped small businesses and family farms across Kansas. We could have enacted real tax relief. We could have done it while still preserving and protecting social security, maintaining the budget we have today, and paying down some debt. This was very doable, and it would have really helped taxpayers across Kansas. I'm extremely disappointed the president decided to veto the Taxpayer Refund and Relief Act."